


THE COVID-19 VACCINE IN DELAWARE

A LOOK AT THE WHO, WHAT,
WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW



Bigger laughs
**START WITH A
COVID-19 VACCINE**

**COVID-19
STOPS
WITH us**

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, it's free, and it's the key to protecting yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19. Stopping COVID-19 starts when you get your vaccine. So, what are you waiting for?

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*Follow CDC protocols on mask-wearing after being fully vaccinated.

The individuals pictured are from Delaware.



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In this presentation, you'll learn:


- Status of Vaccination Efforts in Delaware
- Steps of Vaccine Development
- Vaccine Safety
- When You Can Get the Vaccine
- Where You Can Get the Vaccine
- What to Expect After You Get the Vaccine
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions



The arrival of the first COVID- 19 vaccine in Delaware Dec. 14, 2020




Delaware gets vaccinated!

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"I got the COVID-19 vaccine because..."

I believe we'll only get this pandemic under control when people get vaccinated."

— REV. RITA PAIGE
CHAPLAIN, BAYHEALTH



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STEPS IN VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

No Corners Were Cut in Vaccine Development



Vaccine technology goes back decades.



The FDA monitored the development and testing of the vaccine.



Analysis was conducted by independent parties.



More than 4,000 registered COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials have been conducted worldwide.



More than 120-thousand people volunteered to get vaccinated.



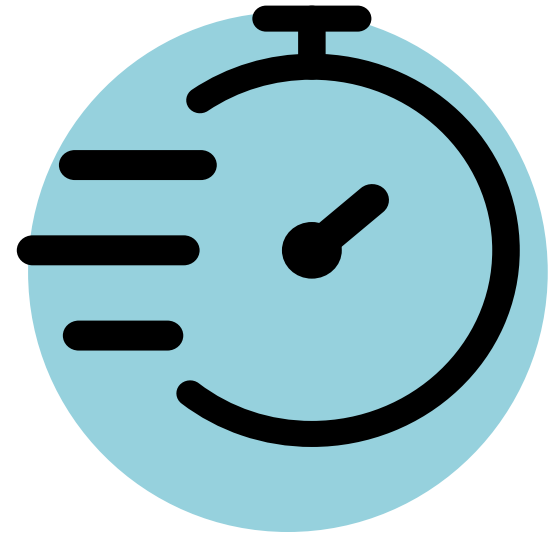
Volunteers included thousands of people of different races and ethnicities.



STEPS IN VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

Reasons Why the Vaccine Could Be Developed Quickly

- The basis for the COVID vaccine already existed because a vaccine for MERS had been developed but never used
- Funding (\$4.5B) from the federal government provided manufacturers with resources they needed
- More people enrolled in clinical trials to speed up process of data gathering.
- Mass manufacturing took place simultaneously with approval process.



VACCINE SAFETY

Currently three vaccines are available

- Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccines have been approved under the Emergency Use Authorization process
- Pfizer for ages 12 and older
Moderna and J&J for ages 18 and older
 - Moderna may be approved by mid-July for use with 12-17
 - Currently Pfizer only vaccine available for under age 18
- Decisions on which vaccines each site has are largely based on ability of vaccinating site to maintain storage at specific temperatures
- People should take whichever vaccine is available to them



VACCINE SAFETY

- During clinical trials all three vaccines were equally effective at preventing death from COVID
- Highly effective at preventing hospitalization and serious illness
- Safe across a wide diversity of racial and ethnic groups

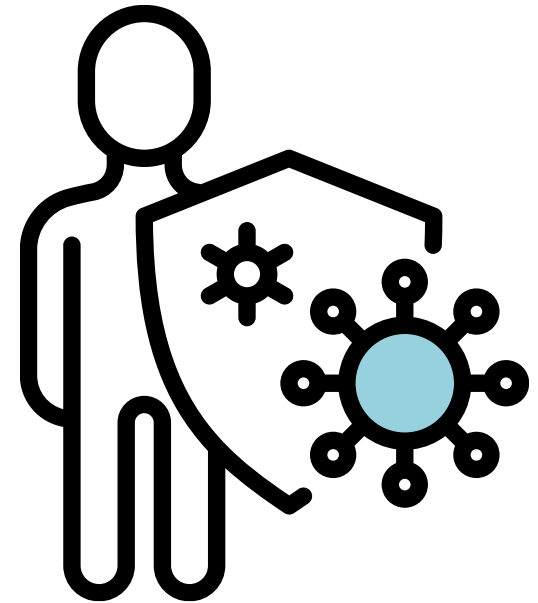
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VACCINE SAFETY

The COVID Vaccines Do NOT Infect You with the Virus

- The Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines and J&J's adenovirus platform do not use the living virus.
- mRNA vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein that in turn teaches your body how to make an antibody that fights the virus.
- For J&J, a part of the spike protein is combined with a weakened version of the cold virus to make the vaccine. It too teaches your immune system how to recognize the COVID-19 virus in real life and develop antibodies to fight it.



VACCINE SAFETY

You should **not** get the vaccine if you:

- Have had **serious** allergic reactions/**anaphylactic** reaction to another vaccine or injectable medicine in the past
- Have a serious allergic reaction to the first dose of a COVID-vaccine
- Are allergic to any ingredients in the vaccine – particularly polysorbate (can't get J&J) or polyethelyne glycol – PEG (can't get Pfizer or Moderna)

Consider talking with your health care provider if you:

- Are pregnant or breastfeeding (is still safe!)
- Have a compromised immune system, such as with HIV

You should **wait** to get the vaccine if you:

- **Are in isolation for COVID or quarantine as a close contact (wait til isolation or quarantine are done)**
- have received either **monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma** as a treatment for COVID-19 infection (wait 90 days)

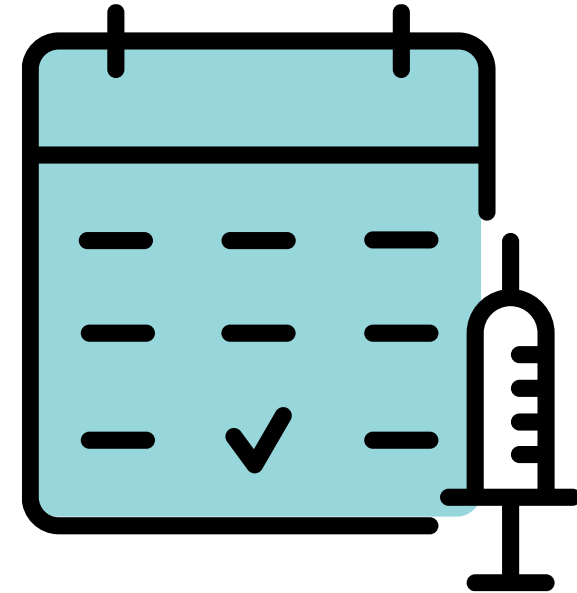


VACCINE ACCESS AND TIMELINE

Dose Timing

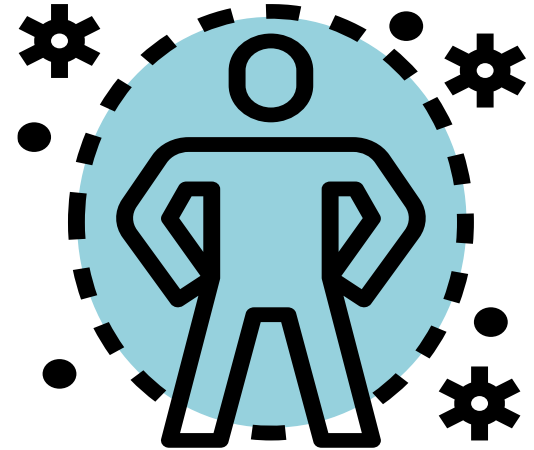
For Pfizer & Moderna, two doses are required. When you receive your first dose of these COVID-19 vaccines:

- You will be told when your second dose is due – 21 or 28 days
- CDC says up to 42 days is acceptable, but manufacturers have not set a 'too late to get the 2nd dose' date
- Your second dose must be from the same maker as the first.
- You will receive a vaccine record card with the date of your vaccination and type of vaccine
- Not all sites will schedule your 2nd dose in advance.



WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER YOU GET THE VACCINE

- Temporary side effects from the clinical trials included:
 - Arm soreness where the shot is given
 - Fatigue
 - Headache
 - Chills
 - Fever
 - Joint and muscle pain
- Reported reactions were mild to moderate and occurred in less than a quarter of the people who got the vaccine.
- Reactions to the vaccine are a sign that your body's immune system is working – but don't panic if you don't have a reaction
- Side effects were more often observed after the second dose.
- Side effects go away within a day or two.



WHERE CAN I GET VACCINATED?

Where can I get my vaccine?

COVID-19 vaccines are available from hospital systems, pharmacies, some doctor's offices, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Division of Public Health clinics or other state-coordinated events, and community-based events. The below information is intended to help you find a vaccine nearest you. Some sites require scheduling an appointment online or putting your name on a waiting list. Other sites offer walk-in hours. Read the below carefully for more information.



\$10 gift cards to Wawa, Grottos or Visa are available at many locations including Curative sites, Public Health clinics, some primary care providers, and many community-based events.

Vaccines.gov

Curative Sites

Public Health Clinics

Community Based Events

Pharmacies

Hospital Sign-Up / Self-Scheduling

Federally Qualified Health Center Sign-Up / Self-Scheduling

Vaccines for Ages 12-15



[De.gov/getmyvaccine](https://de.gov/getmyvaccine)

DPH AND DELAWARE TRANSIT OFFER FREE RIDES TO COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES

If you need a ride to a DPH clinic for vaccination:

- Call the DPH Vaccine Call Center at 1-833-643-1715.
- The call center will verify the caller's vaccination appointment before arranging transportation through the Dineste Health Transportation Group or Delmarva Transportation, Inc.
- Clients should not call vendors directly.

DART offers free paratransit transportation to customers traveling to COVID-19 vaccination sites:

- When customers call to make a paratransit reservation, they should mention the purpose of the reservation is to get their COVID-19 vaccination. The drivers will already have the information when they arrive.



COST

All Vaccinations Are Required to be FREE of Charge to Every Delawarean

The person administering the vaccine may collect insurance information to be reimbursed for administration costs



COMMITMENT TO VACCINE ACCESS IN DELAWARE



Many individuals qualify for vaccination in DE

DPH and its vaccinating partners make vaccine available to **persons to everyone regardless of residency**



Lack of ID will not be a barrier to vaccination

Photo ID and proof of residency and/or employment/medical home may be required depending on the vaccinating site

Lack of ID shall not be a barrier to individuals with undocumented immigration status



Insurance or payment are not required for vaccination

Additionally, all health care providers, facilities and entities that decide to offer vaccinations shall make those vaccinations available to any person meeting the vaccination criteria **without regard to that person's ability to pay, type of health insurance, or participation in any particular provider network**



LIFE BEGINS WITH A COVID VACCINE

One-on-ones
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*When CDC publishes recommendations for the age group you belong to.



DELAWARE LIFTED RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE MAY 21, 2021

- Removed all capacity restrictions inside restaurants, retail, other business establishments and houses of worship.
- Social distancing encouraged but not required except in special circumstances (state buildings)...CDC recommendations for unvaccinated persons is still 6 feet of social distancing
- Events over 250 people indoors and outdoors still requires plan approval from DPH to ensure compliance with basic precautions to prevent spread of COVID-19.
- Masks continue to be required in state buildings, medical facilities, schools and child care facilities, and on public transportation. Businesses may choose to require masks.



WHAT CAN I DO AFTER I'VE BEEN VACCINATED?

- You don't have to wear a mask except where state law requires (schools, state buildings, health care settings, public transit)
- You don't have to quarantine (stay home) if you are a close contact of someone with COVID unless you have symptoms – then you should
- If you travel you don't need to get tested before leaving the US unless your travel destination requires it



Myths vs. Facts - #1

Myth: The vaccine will alter my DNA

FACT: None of the vaccines interact with your DNA



Myths vs. Facts -#2

Myth: The vaccine injects you with a microchip

FACT: Vaccines contain a variety of salts, fats, and other chemicals but no microchips or tracking devices



Myths vs. Facts- #3

Myth: The vaccine will affect my chance of getting pregnant now or in the future.

FACT: There is no evidence that loss of fertility is a COVID vaccine side effect. Thousands of women who have gotten the vaccine have gotten pregnant. ACOG calls loss of fertility due to a vaccine 'scientifically unlikely.'



WEB UPDATES FAQS

Now we have a separate FAQ
vaccine page:
<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/frequently-asked-questions/#vaccine>

Accessible from
de.gov/covidvaccine

Questions grouped by topic

Vaccine

Availability

▼ Where is the vaccine available?

▼ Do I need an appointment?

▼ What if I don't have a computer?

▼ Do I have a say in which vaccine I get?

Development/Safety/Effectiveness

▼ What is a vaccine?

▼ How effective is the vaccine?

▼ How was the COVID vaccine developed so quickly?

▼ Since the vaccine was developed quickly, how do I know it's safe?

▼ Are there known side effects to the vaccine?

▼ Are there any individuals who should not get the vaccine?

▼ What are the long-term effects?

▼ Will the vaccines work against new variants of the COVID-19 virus?

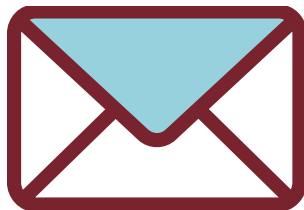
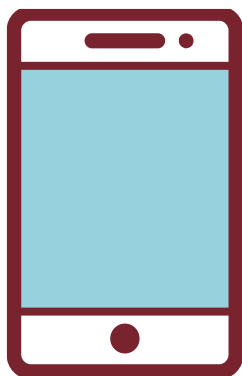
▼ What should I do if I have a fear/anxiety of needles?

Rumor Control/Myth Busting

Health officials must respond to many rumors, and debunk several myths. Your best course of action is visit trusted federal resources for information, including the CDC ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)). Other sources such as FEMA have a rumor control section: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/rumor-control#vaccination>. See some common myths below, and responses from the Division of Public Health.

▼ Do any of the available vaccines contain the live coronavirus?

▼ Will the COVID vaccine give me COVID-19?



To Stay Updated on COVID-19 Vaccine Developments in Delaware:

DPH Vaccine Call Center
1-833-643-1715,
Monday through Friday,
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those who are deaf or hard of
hearing should call **2-1-1** or
text their ZIP code to 898-211.

- Email your questions to **Vaccine@Delaware.gov**.
- Visit **de.gov/covidvaccine**.
- Follow the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) on **social media**.

